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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 246 864 A2, dated November 25, 1987;
and
2. European Patent Application No. 0 466 367 A1, dated January 15, 1992.

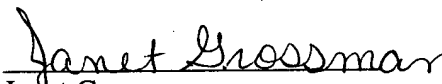
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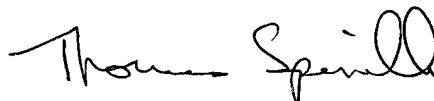
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The references were cited in a Search Report received from the Japanese Patent Office dated December 26, 2000. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required

Respectfully submitted,

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